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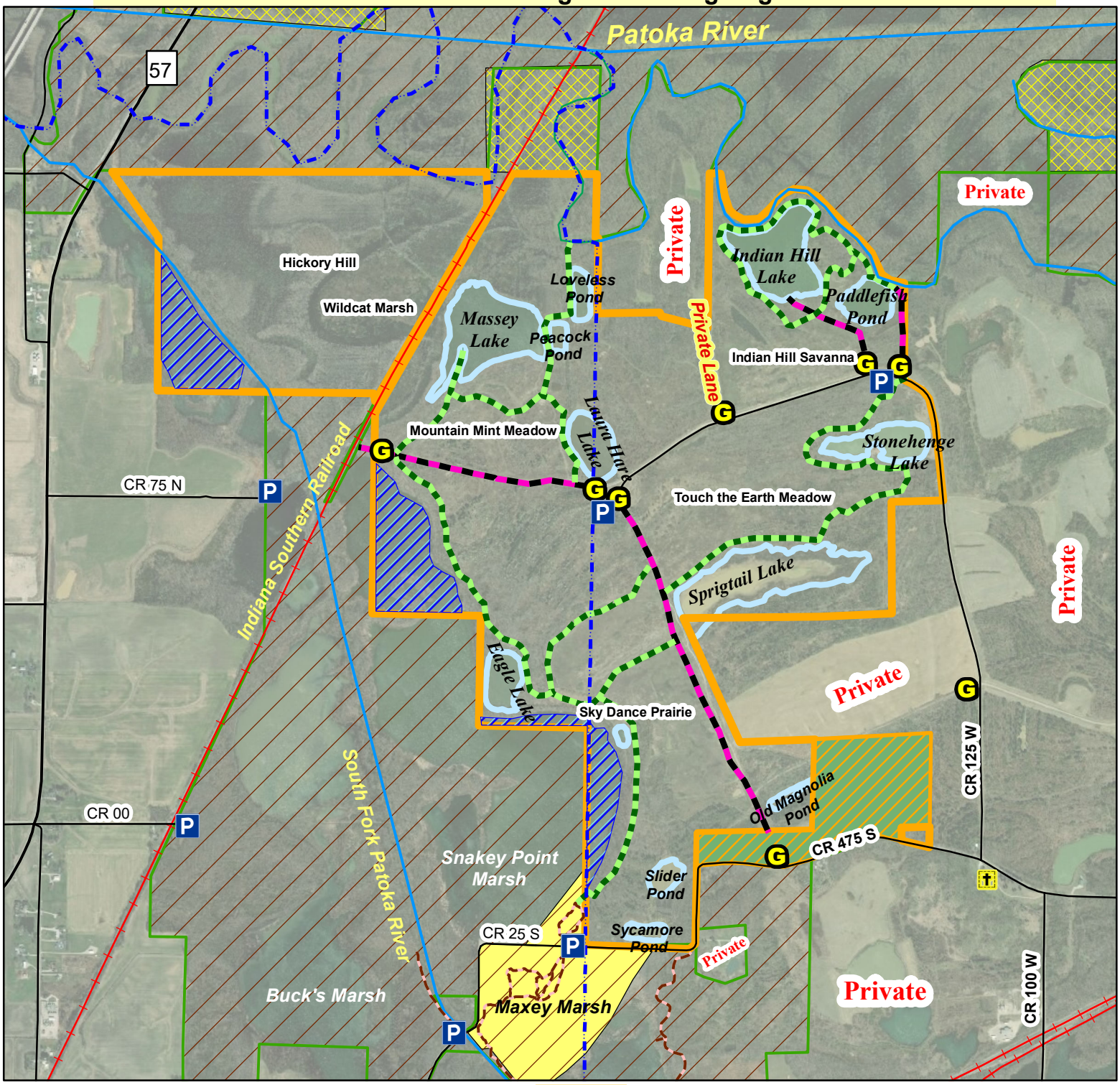
Columbia Mine Preserve - Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2019 - 2020



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Legend

- Columbia Mine Preserve (CMP) - Refuge Conservation Easement
- Refuge Owned Land
- Closed to Hunting
- Refuge-Restricted Hunting Applies
- Duck Hunting on water ONLY No duck hunting on CMP land
- Lakes
- IDNR Property
- Mowed HikingTrails
- Gravel Hiking Trails
- Refuge HikingTrails
- County Road
- State Road
- Railroad
- Patoka River & South Fork Patoka River
- County Line and Time Zone Line
- Parking & Information
- Gate
- Church

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Columbia Mine Preserve – Sycamore Land Trust

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area – Conservation Easement

2019 – 2020 Public Use, Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Columbia Mine Preserve consists of 1,043 acres. This area was acquired in 2012 by the Sycamore Land Trust. Because the Columbia Mine Preserve is privately owned, this area is subject to **different public access and use regulations**. Public use is managed through a cooperative agreement with Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area. The 48 acres of Refuge owned land North of CR 475 S is managed under the same regulations as the Columbia Mine Preserve.

The Columbia Mine Unit is open from one-half hour before legal sunrise to one-half hour after legal sunset.

The following activities are **prohibited** on Columbia Mine Preserve

- Littering/dumping.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Target practice or random shooting.
- Camping/overnight parking.
- Campfires.
- Swimming.
- Use of fireworks.
- Dogs running loose or not on leash.
- Taking or attempting to take any wildlife or wildlife parts (e.g. shed antlers) with exception noted below.
- Trapping furbearers or other animals.
- Taking, cutting or destroying any plants or parts thereof including flowers, fruits, nuts, fungi, herbs, shrubs, or trees.
- Use of off-road vehicles, horses, mules, llamas, and bicycles other than on maintained county road right-of-ways.
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery, beads, etc. Use of metal detectors or digging for artifacts.
- Use of airboats and gasoline-powered boat motors.
- Boats must be clean and free of any plant or animal material or water before entering water bodies.

Hunting Regulations

Columbia Mine Preserve is **closed to hunting all game animals** except for:

1. White-tailed deer during the first week (7 days) of the State-defined seasons for

Archery	October 1 – 7, 2019
Firearms	November 16 – 22, 2019
Muzzleloader	December 7 – 13, 2019

2. Wild turkey only during the State-defined spring season (April 22 – May 10, 2020). Fall season wild turkey hunting is prohibited.

Only portable tree stands may be used. These stands can be on the Columbia Mine Preserve during the special season and for a 2-day grace period before and after each special season. Name, address and phone number must be legible and marked on each stand no higher than 6-feet off the ground. **Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.**

Fishing Regulations

Wear hunter orange hat or vest during listed hunting season dates.

All lakes are open to fishing on the Columbia Mine Preserve **with access only on foot**.

Several lakes are very deep with steep slippery slopes near the shorelines. **Always use caution** before deciding to wade while fishing.

Boats 14-feet long or less are permitted. No gasoline-powered boats or airboats are permitted. Boats must be clean of vegetation to avoid spreading invasive plants and insects.

Fishing is permitted from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

Fishing is only permitted with rod and reel or pole and line.

Minimum size limit for largemouth bass is 14 inches on Columbia Mine Preserve and Snakey Point Marsh.

Minnows, crayfish and all reptiles and amphibians are protected and may not be killed, collected or in possession when on the property.

Please take notice: All general refuge public use regulations apply when on the Columbia Mine Preserve. Enforcement of use regulations will be carried out by both Federal and State Conservation Officers.

Report all injuries and accidents to Refuge Headquarters, 510 ½ W Morton St., Oakland City, Indiana or phone (812) 749-3199.

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